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## In and Around the District



(Rep. Hultgren speaks with CHB staff)

**CHS Elburn** has served our community for nearly 100 years, supplying Illinois and Wisconsin agricultural producers with agronomy, seed, energy and grain marketing services. During my visit to the cooperative, I was struck by its efficiency and relationships with farmers from all over. Transportation, fuel needs and federal legislation are key issues that we discussed. I'm proud of our farmers and will continue to stand with and for them in Congress.



(Rep. Hultgren tours grounds of CHS Elburn co-op)

**Fox Valley Molding in Plano** employs more than 100 people in the 14th District (in addition to their Texas plant) and has been manufacturing electrical connectors and smart meters to sell to the electrical, electronic and oil industries since 1984.

Manufacturing means jobs, which is why we must continue to support our local businesses and ensure our state and our nation have a friendly business climate that encourages our manufacturers to expand and hire.





(Rep. Hultgren tours Fox Valley Molding)

I participated in an exciting opening to a new **Gateway Foundation Alcohol & Drug Treatment outpatient center in Gurnee**. This facility helps people in Lake County and the surrounding areas get the treatment and help they need to fight substance abuse.



(Rep. Hultgren joins ribbon cutting for Gateway Foundation's outpatient center)

[Click to read the Daily Herald story.](#)

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## Educating Our Workforce and Providing Loans to Low-Income Students

Ensuring future employees and adults reentering the workforce understand and are prepared for the demands of an ever-evolving labor market is key to connecting them to the jobs of today and tomorrow.

Many times, jobs workers' held previously no longer exist or require advanced training. Our community colleges excel at providing this type of education. I support the **Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act (H.R. 2353)** which connects prospective employees and those reentering the workforce with rewarding technical jobs by using local community colleges as training centers.

Further, those without resources need continued access to the successful and popular Perkins Loan Program which has provided funds to more than eight million students. These

finances help secure the possibility of upward mobility for hardworking individuals. The **Federal Perkins Loan Program Extension Act of 2017 (H.R. 2482)** ensures low-income students have access to the financial tools necessary to take advantage of higher education opportunities.

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## Flood Insurance Must Protect Homeowners and Taxpayers Alike



(Click picture to watch video)

This week I urged reforms to the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) to ensure taxpayers are shielded from unnecessary risk. Many Illinois homeowners and businesses rely on NFIP to protect themselves from disaster after a flood, so the program must be changed so it benefits those who need it most. Reliable data and accurate mapping are essential to reflect the risks to communities located on flood plains.

In addition, reforms must grapple with the reality of the program: \$25 billion of debt, and growing, is not just unsustainable; it is irresponsible government and it is unfair to taxpayers.

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## My Take on...

### ...the Paris Climate Agreement

We are called to be good stewards of the environment, properly using our natural resources for the benefit of humanity and the planet. America has long led the world in developing new, cleaner technologies that protect the environment and help create jobs—regardless of government mandates or country agreements. That tradition of leading in energy innovation and reduction in emissions will continue. This agreement should have required Senate ratification. I look forward to the President continuing to negotiate foreign policy that puts America first and brings treaties before Congress.

In Congress, I will continue encouraging energy solutions that promote good stewardship of the environment, provide Americans with true options and bring jobs back to the United States. Innovation, not regulation, remains the answer for lower emissions. I will continue supporting our national labs like Argonne that are making energy storage a realistic solution for bringing intermittent renewables online in a modern energy system.

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### ...the Continuing Investigation into Russian Interference

I am encouraged as the House and Senate Intelligence Committees and Special Counsel Robert Mueller continue their work to establish the facts of Russia's involvement into American affairs. I remain very concerned at how Russia conducts intelligence operations against the United States, and what effects those efforts have had on the country. This week's hearing was an important next step in gathering the facts, and I continue to support the work of our committees and their investigations.

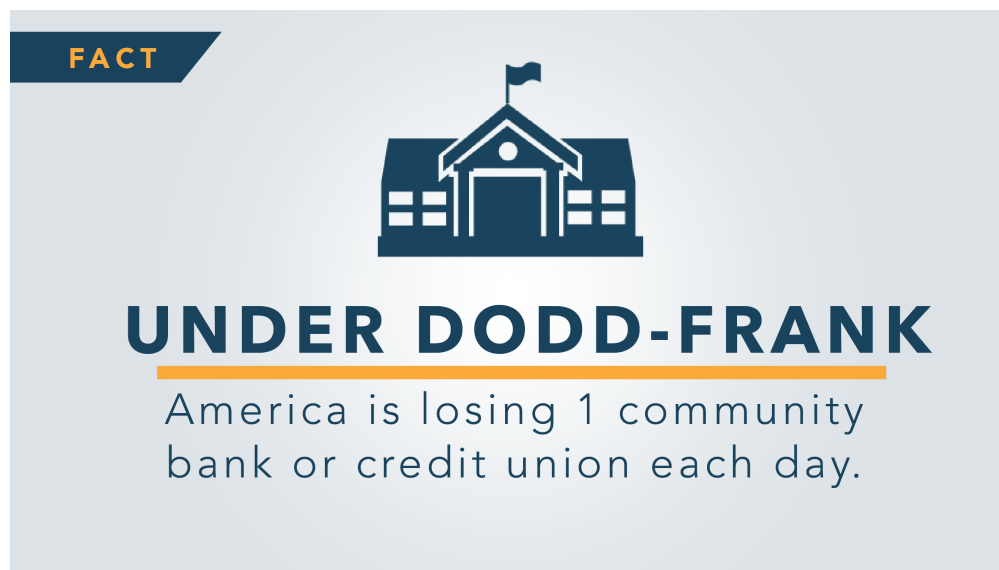
As you may know, the House Intelligence Committee's investigative scope includes "active measures campaign targeting the 2016 U.S. election," as well as "possible leaks of classified information." They seek to answer:



- What Russian cyber activity and other active measures were directed against the United States and its allies?
- Did the Russian active measures include links between Russia and individuals associated with political campaigns or any other U.S. Persons?
- What was the U.S. Government's response to these Russian active measures and what do we need to do to protect ourselves and our allies in the future?
- What possible leaks of classified information took place related to the Intelligence Community Assessment of these matters?

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## Restoring Illinois Consumers and Small Business Access to Trusted Community Financial Institutions



Since the rushed Dodd-Frank Act became law in 2010, 42 community banks and 106 credit unions in Illinois have closed. Today credit is tighter, consumers are less secure, the root causes of the crisis have been left untouched, the big banks are bigger and the small banks are fewer. My own constituents—individuals and small businesses alike—have been the collateral damage of these failed policies and are hurt most by losing access to their local trusted financial institutions.

I supported passage of the **Financial CHOICE ([Creating Hope and Opportunity for Investors, Consumers and Entrepreneurs](#)) Act (H.R. 10)**. This legislation begins the



process of restoring Americans' access to their trusted community financial institutions. I urge the Senate to act quickly on behalf of consumers and communities.

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## Protect Victims of ISIS-Perpetrated Genocide and Assad War Crimes

I voted for and the House passed the **Iraq and Syria Relief and Accountability Act (H.R. 390)** to provide assistance for victims of genocide and demand accountability for its perpetrators. I cosponsored this legislation and urge the Senate to act quickly to secure its passage into law.

If you haven't already, be sure to [like my Facebook page](#), follow me on Twitter ([@RepHultgren](#)), or [check out my YouTube page](#) to stay informed on everything I'm doing on your behalf in Washington and in Illinois.

In Your Service,



*Randy Hultgren*  
*Member of Congress*  
*14th District, Illinois*

## Randy in the News

- [Hultgren bill seeks to protect veterans' credit reports from VA medical payment delays](#) (Ripon Advance)
- [Hultgren demands response to Turkish security detail's 'assault'](#) (Will County Gazette)
- [Hultgren Scores Highest Conservative Rating Among IL Congressional Delegation](#) (Illinois Review)
- [Impact of proposed Meals on Wheels cuts uncertain](#) (MySuburbanLife)
- [New Gateway outpatient center opens in Gurnee](#) (Daily Herald)
- [Rep. Hultgren urges reforms to National Flood Insurance Program](#) (Financial Regulation News)

- [Why people protest - A look at why area residents want to make their voices heard](#) (Kane County Chronicle)



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